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I am one of the millions of Americans using microsoft software on my computer. I have been told by the Department of Justice that I should not be happy with it because Microsoft is a Monopoly and created it. They will be the White Knights riding to my rescue. Well, here is the way I see it.

1. The entire case was brought to trial because the Microsoft competition saw that better products could be produced by Microsoft at less cost, or free. It would mean that companies like Sun Microsystems would be threatened by competition and they would lose their monopoly for their product.
2. For the first time, Silicon Valley, who ignored the politicians and political contributions, make huge contributions to politicians to get the suit brought by the Justice Department and paid off Attorney Generals, through contributions of course. Microsoft was a little late getting into this game and lost the race.
3. The public was certainly hurt financially by what Microsoft did; the stock that is. Almost every mutual fund had MSFT stock as a pretty good percentage of their portfolio. The Justice Department suit not only brought down the MSFT stock but also burst the bubble of the this sector of the market, dragging down the rest of the market with it. It cost me and millions of investors, pension funds, etc., billions or trillions of dollars which may never be recovered.

So, who was hurt by a small group of companies, who couldn't compete in the marketplace, and decided to get the government to squash the competition? Millions of small investors, that's who!

Settle this thing and let the free market in America determine determine who should survive or go under. When the PUBLIC demands that the Justice Department take action against a Monopoly, that's when a case should be brought. For example, 99% of Americans will tell you that Cable Companies are a TRUE Monopoly, they are gouging the public, making you buy channels you don't want and somehow, the Justice Department can't seem to get the picture. I think that once again, the cable companies got to the politicians first, and in this case, made sure NO suit would be brought by Justice Department. Renata B. Hesse, you have no courage if you don't suggest and insist that something be done about the Cable Monopoly.

Thank you,

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